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## ALMOST OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CFO

**THE 1984 4TH ANNUAL CLUCK-IN** at the Dayton Hamvention was bigger and better than ever. At the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday night we experienced glory, and glee (especially by ARRL, FCC and the FOC) as member after member received the coveted and highly regarded Annual Chicken Cluckers awards. Many vendors were present including Vibroplex, Ten Tec, DGM and Telex. More XYLS were with their honey buns and this added another 2 or 3 dimensions to the weekend. The event is getting to be a real treat! Many of the functions lasted much longer than anticipated and there was lots of interest from other groups such as the RTTY gang, and vendors including Kentucky Fried Chicken. Talk to someone who attended over the years and you will want to share the 1985 Annual CFO Cluck-In with us! There's room in the nest--it was fun and finger-lickin' good.

**NETWORK NEWS:** The Saturday morning SSB "Yodel Net" is doing just fine. Frank, KBØPB, says that attendance is up, conditions are good and we may even move up into the general part of the band for those who want to operate this humbling mode but now cannot. The problem is finding a spot to land and scratch. Until Frank and his able assistants find a new QRG that is not hostile, those barred from that part of the barnyard will, of course, be warmly received if they check in on CW (stands for Charlie Whiskey).

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On Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. CST on <sup>7039</sup>7030 KHz (summer) or 3537 KHz (winter) those rare and deeply appreciated (depending on who you ask) bug operators gather for some scratching practice. Participation has been good with from 5 to 14 CFO ops per session. Steve, K4CJX, reports there are some real pros on this net like Joe, N9HI and Bob, W2HXI, who just retired as a WSL CW op supervisor, as well as other retired commercial bug ops. But don't let that intimidate anyone because there are also Cluckers like you and me who, if given an even break, can't hit a lick! Bug ops don't have to be CFO members to play in this coop, so you are free to invite others to come scratch and cluck too. Dust off that old bug, grease it up with lots of CF, figger out which side is dah dits and which is dah dahs, then get on with us for some fun! Remember what Tonto said, ... "a keyboard is 1/2 of a video ranger" --askum chicken man Frank, KBØPB.

**CFO MEMBERSHIP** has held steady for some time. This is not intentional but as some of you may know, W9WBL and his XYL have moved to Indianapolis where Stan is starting a new business. therefore the production and distribution of new membership certificates and last year's Cluck-In awards are still in the making and those membership applications will just have to QRX. If you have recommended

someone for CFO membership and nothing has happened, please let Jim, W9TO, or Steve, K4CJX, know and they will be assigned a CFO number while awaiting their almost official papers.

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP ROUTINE for nominating new members:

1. Applicant must obtain nomination from two current members and send their calls and his own to Jim Ricks, W9TO, 2435 Marcyk Drive, Evanston, IL 60201. He or she must include call, name address, telephone number, plus any other interesting information, but no money.
2. Jim will assign a CFO number to the applicant & send all the info to Doris, (W9WBL XYL) for issuing of the almost official certificates.
3. When the membership certificate arrives, he or she should then send in the two bux to Doris for postage and materials.
4. After the two bux have been sent to Doris for the membership certificate, another two bux should then be sent to Mel, K0PEX, for the annual cost of Key Clucks. This includes not only bux for purchasing corn to feed the editor and for CF to grease all the printing presses, but also pays for the Rooster (so you can see who else is nuts). Mel can be found at the office on Sundays, in the kitchen cooking on evenings or if all else fails, try: Mel Whitten, K0PEX, 3219 Haas Avenue, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

**MEL ASKS:** that someone who can write in a very feminine hand address the envelope without identifying the one who mailed it, then dip the letter in cheap perfume prior to mailing. His logic is that his XYL will reconsider the allocation of his time and make him stay home on the radio where she can keep an eye on him instead of running errands to the store or volunteering to crow in the community choir!

#### OFFICIAL MONITORING QRGs

Fritz, W4LJF, suggest we adopt a list of "user friendly" frequencies to monitor for CFO activity. Certainly Fritz is not suggesting that we use them only for monitoring and then move, that would be too complicated for CFO members! After all, it doesn't work on ARRL nets so why should we be expected to call "CQ CFO" receive an answer and then move to the side so others may do the same? All we need to remember is that if you wanna yap with another CFO type, monitor the calling QRG for QRM and then if no one is there, yell for a little visit. Maybe someone will have read this, answer your lonesome clucking and move off to the side for a QSO, unless they want some others in the coop. Then it may be okay to stay on the calling QRG. Here is the first almost official calling QRG list:

160 meters.....1803  
80 meters.....3533---(official winter evening QRG)  
40 meters.....7033---(official year around QRG)  
30 meters.....10119  
20 meters.....14033  
15 meters.....21033  
11 meters.....Ch. 19---(official call "Where's the beef?)

Assuming most of us will be on 80, 40 and 20, I would say leave your receiver on one of these QRGs and see what happens. If you wanna call CQ, hop on one of the CFO QRGs and let loose. If we all use this method, our CQs may end up in a big pile-up without having to buy big rigs and big antennas that attract lightening, cost too much many bux and get complaints from the zoning commission and TVI-prone neighbors.

### KEY CLUCKS NEWS STORIES

**Vern, W9FAM**, was heard directing the 75 meter SSB "Liberty Net", promoting "all rights, privileges and benefits thereunto appertaining..." Vern seemed to be flying high, but in circles because of the lack of a left wing!

**Clyde, W9EBG and Art, K2GGM** have both just hatched 2-element beams at 60 plus feet (great perch!). Each has a 4-1000A amp (what! me jealous?). Both of them have agreed to write a yarn for Key Clucks on protective devices for receiver front ends and beefing up the AGC. Both have agreed under pressure to keep the 4-1000A's at orange red to red hot glow condition rather than normal white hot.

**Frank, K8AA**, is very proud of his son, John, WB8UJA, because on the same night on the same QRG in the same QSO, John got an S9 report as compared to Frank's S6 reading. Consistent report like these make Frank very proud of John, and Frank wishes to acknowledge his son for allowing him to design and build his son's antenna. Thanks, John!

Sad news: Steve Popp, K1OY, passed away recently. Those of us who knew Steve will miss him greatly. His CFO number will not be reissued.

**Frank and Nikki (KB0PB)** are the proud new grandparents of a baby girl. Frank was so excited about the event that he immediately suggested to XYL Nikki that they attempt the same. Nikki's response was less than enthusiastic and she suggested that he go and play with his radio instead. Sorry, Frank!

**W4BI, father of Mel, K0PEX**, has moved from sunny Florida to God's and CFO country. His move to Sevierville, Tenn. has nothing to do with gear.

**Jim, W9TO**, has two children in college. This took not only material resources but lots of time. He is now in the process of updating the current status of the CFO membership and assigning numbers to new members.

**Doc, K2ONP**, reminds us that the original CFO charter states, "...under no condition shall any individual member or committee of members operate in an organized and reasonable manner in order to produce anything on a timely basis and should such events occur, whether planned or spontaneous, shall cease immediately until either late or incorrect."

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The irresponsible volunteer staff who created this "news" letter and accompanying almost official rooster had the last paragraph above clearly in mind during its preparation. No amount of clamor from an impatient membership could hurry them along or cure their procrastination one whit. Credit for the long delays is due to K0PEX, K2ONP, KB0PB, K4CJX and their respective XYLS, and to W0HKF who eventually got it printed and mailed. Members are requested to refrain from disclosing the contents of Key Clucks to the postal authorities, who probably don't have any category to place it in, not even junk mail!

Even so, encourage your fellow CFOer to remain on the "active mailing list" and ask him to send in his annual two bux to Mel--remember postage rates are going up again. We can mail another page or two though for the same price, so if there are any cluckers out there who know how to write, Key Clucks can use your yarns, stories and other flights of fancy for the edification of the membership. Send them to K4CJX, Editor, 1100 Maplehurst Lane, Nashville, TN 37204.

# CFO NETS & STUFF

Those of us who get up with the chickens in the morning might try checking into the "Old Guys" CFO SSB net on 3840 daily, 8:30 a.m. CST. Frank, K8AA is NCS.

On Saturday mornings KB0PB is NCS (Net Chief Scratcher) on the "Yodel Net" on 7160 KHz. It goes from 9 a.m. til noon or until everybody is all talked out.

A guy could set up his own little contest--get on some time and try to work all CFO districts at one "setting". Or try to work "All-CFO". W0HKF has been trying in on 7033 and is up to 135 different CFO stations worked. Can anybody top it?

The giant annual CFO QSO PARTY has been set for all day Sunday, February 24th. Use any of the Official Monitoring QRGs listed on page 2. Call "CQ CFO". The almost official exchange consists of a signal strength report using "CS" instead of "RST", plus your CFO number. Use of that word "NST" is strictly prohibited!

Get on "CFO BUG NIGHT", 3537 KHz, Tuesday evenings, starting 7:00 pm, CST.

## 5TH ANNUAL DAYTON CLUCK-IN

For four years now the CFO goings-on have been a big part of the frantic annual activities at Dayton, Ohio. The 1985 Dayton Hamvention dates are April 26, 27 and 28, The 5th ANNUAL CLUCK-IN is now being planned by the CFO Ground Scratching Committee to take place at the Dayton Hamvention, as always. To reserve your room at the Imperial House, North please send \$55 bux deposit to Steve Waterman K4CJX, 1100 Maplehurst Lane, Nashville, TN 37204. Make the check payable to the Imperial House, North and specify how many days you intend to stay. Also if you plan to attend the CFO Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday night be sure to so indicate.

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### ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST

at the Imperial House, North  
during the Dayton Hamvention  
April 26-27-28, 1985.

Include requested info and mail  
with \$55.00 check to K4CJX at  
the above address.

YOUR CALL \_\_\_\_\_/CFO # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rooms needed \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

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### AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION

Saturday evening, April 27.

YOUR CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CFO # \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

Send NO MONEY at this time for the Awards Dinner reservation. However the committee must know well in advance how many to plan for. You can't send this in too early!

Use the same address as above, viz: Steve Waterman, K4CJX,  
1100 Maplehurst Lane,  
Nashville, TN 37204

K1AAG GEO 354 FL	W3DXK HARRY 389 PA	W4LJH FRITZ 135 FL
W1AR MURRY 446 CT	K13E BILL 763 MD	WB4LUE BOB 217 FL
K01C BOB 820 NH	W3ELZ CB 054 PA	W4LZW AD 285 SC
KA1DE HOMER 331 NH	KA3ERO BILL 538 DE	NV4N DAVE 796 KY
W1DJQ HERB 553 MA	KA3GKY JOHN 593 PA	N4NE JIM 422 FL
WB1GXO STEVE 559 CT	W3JKX EARL 438 PA	W4NTI DAN 101 AL
W1JY JOHN 643 NH	K3JWL KEN 000 PA	N4OB JOE 374 AL
W1LZL BILL 818 MA	W3KBS HARRY 087 PA	AA4OM GENE 579 FL
W1MRQ HENRY 659 MA	K3MD JOHN 207 PA	W4OSU TOM 154 TN
W1OBJ JIM 069 MA	K3MJ RICH 367 OH	W4OU MIKE 050 KY
K1PTT PETE 507 MA	W3NNL CLIFF 439 PA	W4OV GEO 768 IL
K1RH RALPH 514 CT	W3NW GEO 137 PA	W4OYI GEO 788 KY
WA1SKQ RICH 701 RI	W3QBK STAN 116 MD	WA4QIO ED 442 AL
K1UU HAROLD 238 FL	WA3RAU GEO 539 DE	WT4R JIM 000 VA
W1YC BILL 668 CA	W3RS OLNEY 202 MD	KZ4S BOB 752 AL
WD2AIQ BOB 370 NY	W3TL HOWARD 562 PA	NW4T GERALD 091 KY
K2AU JOE 675 NY	W3UCS BILL 504 PA	WG4T DAVE 767 VA
ND2B FRANK 819 NY	W3UCS MILLER 309 PA	K4TE DOC 369 AL
W2BBX BOB 801 NY	K3VMG HILORY 294 PA	KA4TMI PAUL 651 AL
N2BOG CHAS 557 NJ	W3WTU DON 236 MD	W4TY ART 664 NC
K2BV JACK 052 NY	N3WW BILL 503 PA	KF4U MARTY 000 AL
N2CPM SAM 653 NY	NK4A CHAS 731 FL	WA4UOK SYD 807 FL
WA2CVV LARRY 709 NJ	K4AEC GEO 644 GA	N4VB VERLE 197 AL
W2DOG WICK 000 NJ	K4AOH GAREY 506 GA	K4VY EARL 805 FL
W2DX JAY 771 NY	W4ATE GENE 017 AL	AF4W DICK 495 VA
WB2EFI TOM 266 NJ	W4BCI AL 471 VA	NZ4W WAYNE 435 TN
W2EJE BOB 192 NY	W4BI ROD 090 FL	K4WK CHAS 136 SC
N2ESJ PHIL 174 NY	W4BIF ROYCE 556 FL	W4WU MARV 325 AL
K2EU FRED 789 NY	K4BJ LARRY 412 FL	W4WV JOE 615 VA
K2FD GEO 708 NJ	N4BQC JIM 232 FL	N4WY JACK 049 GA
W2FET AL 000 NY	N4CGJ JACK 666 VA	K4XU DICK 157 TN
W2GB GEO 075 NY	K4CJX STEVE 007 TN	K4YPM GEO 311 SC
K2GGN ART 095 NJ	W4COC TN 798 NC	WA4ZDW KEN 597 AL
W2HEN STAN 657 NJ	K4CPB LEE 822 SC	W5ACG MARSH 030 TX
W2HXI BOB 094 NY	WC4D OB 344 FL	K5AP HAL 272 TX
KB2ID FRED 299 VA	K4EC FRANK 790 FL	K5BJ LARRY 690 TX
WB2IRB BILL 076 NY	N4EE WELLS 821 SC	K5BK GENE 483 TX
KS2J DUSTY 526 NY	K4EF EV 187 KY	N5CID DON 254 TX
K2KI MARK 195 NY	N4EGM DUTCH 682 VA	N5EY TOM 342 TX
K2KMC HENRY 804 NJ	N4FG FRED 265 VA	W5GRJ JIMMY 452 LA
N2MA AL 407 PA	W4FOA TONY 550 VA	W5GYW BILL 567 TX
W2MUZ RUBE 699 NY	W4FOK JIM 431 FL	KU5H MIKE 105 LA
W2OH WALT 222 NJ	AK4G BERT 132 AL	WB5IFS ELDEE 468 LA
K2ONP DOC 473 MO	KS4H LARRY 634 KY	KF5J JOHN 645 TX
KN2P SOL 725 NY	W4HCZ EARL 402 SC	W5JNK BERT 361 TX
W2RYJ HAROLD 092 NY	K4HDV DAN 327 FL	K5KL KIT 517 TX
W2SHJ MILT 143 NY	W4HOJ SMOKEY 037 KY	K5LGJ TED 200 LA
WA2SON ROY 179 NY	N4HWQ JIM 772 GA	K5MM DALE 573 TX
WA2TDN JOE 071 NY	NK4I BOB 724 AL	K5PXM RALPH 424 LA
K2TO DOC 234 NJ	N4IBF ROGER 823 TN	W5TBV BOB 744 TX
W2UGL JIM 751 NJ	K4IQR BOB 209 KY	W5UO CHES 747 MS
WA2VEZ ALAN 104 NY	NM4J FRANK 544 AL	NA5W DAL 793 TX
W2VT RICH 778 NY	W4JBQ JOE 339 KY	W5WVY BOB 560 TX
W2YS RAY 174 NY	K4JGW DOUG 051 TN	KT5X FD 286 TX
KC3AH JOE 754 PA	K4JU JACK 155 TN	W5ZR BRANAN 411 LA
N3AVW HAROLD 817 PA	KC4K DICK 773 PA	WB6ATA GB 791 CA
W3BF BOB 444 PA	W4KSY BEN 458 VA	KD6BF JIM 377 CA
N3CL BILL 165 MD	W4LG LEO 380 VA	N6BJG ACE 734 CA

W6BNB BOB	000 MD	AESG TED	531 CT	W9NAX DOUG	009 OR
K6CO AL	806 CA	K8JL JIM	113 MI	AK90 RICH	808 IN
WA6DCQ DON	025 CA	K8KHS JERRY	484 CA	W9RQO JOE	134 IL
N6DW DAVE	461 CA	W8KR JOHN	727 MN	K9SW DAVE	741 IL
W6EQ JOHN	237 CA	WD8LKJ BOB	636 OH	W9TO JIM	001 IL
N6FB BILL	021 IL	W8NBQ JOE	519 OH	W9VNE JIM	288 OH
W6FGN ROGER	469 CA	K8NFC ED	067 MI	N9VV KEN	289 IN
K6HL MAX	795 AZ	W8NI HANK	578 MI	WA9VVD KEN	027 IL
W6IG DUANE	204 CA	N8NN AL	400 OH	W9WBL STAN	006 IN
W6INH GENE	600 CA	W8NPA GEO	577 OH	W9WL JOHN	248 IL
K6JOQ DICK	697 CA	W8OM JOHN	717 KY	KB9XE BILL	264 IL
N6NK ROD	199 CA	W8OMY JACK	274 OH	W9YPS FRANK	464 IL
W6NKE KEN	547 CA	W8PBO ART	256 MI	W9ZGC AL	033 IN
W6NKR MARION	587 CA	KX8R LARRY	737 OH	WB9ZHC GINGER	810 IN
K6NQ JIM	618 WA	W8RDI BRUCE	797 MI	W9ZTK CAL	042 IL
KA6NSF BILL	654 CA	W8RH GEO	019 OH	KG0A DEAN	480 CO
N6RS RICH	257 CA	W8ROV BILL	687 MI	W0AP JOHN	162 NE
W6SB ERNIE	206 CA	K8RV FOREST	467 MI	K0AX TOM	205 CA
W6SBE DAN	371 CA	W8SJO BARRY	673 FL	KB0B CLARK	825 NE
W6UF BILL	119 NV	W8SWL FRED	235 WV	WB0BVF JIM	816 MO
KB6VO JIM	603 CA	W8SZ SAM	391 OH	K0BX JOE	250 MO
W6WQV BOB	028 CA	W8TM PAUL	460 IL	WA0CML JIM	704 CO
W6WU KEN	016 CA	W8TP TED	273 OH	W0EG GEO	010 MN
W6WXZ JACK	787 CA	KD8U ED	163 OH	W0EPV ED	280 KS
W6ZID TED	353 CA	WB8UFA JOHN	045 OH	K0ERX BILL	451 NE
KN7B PAT	537 OR	WA8UQX HARRY	456 WV	W0GHX RALPH	703 MN
KV7B DAN	425 AZ	KJ8W WALT	738 MI	K0GOO FRANK	630 MO
W7DUV CLIFF	558 WA	K8ZBW STEVE	779 OH	KE0H WES	301 NM
W7ENG OLEN	576 NV	W8ZJE VINCE	012 MI	WB0HBS GLEN	635 CO
W7FJ ART	455 WA	N9AEO JERRY	271 IL	W0HKF BOB	459 MN
W7FT DOC	532 WY	K9AMC CHRIS	041 IL	N0II BUD	097 IA
W7GAQ JOHN	780 AZ	WB9AOX JOHN	146 IL	K0IY W	781 MN
KD7H BOB	735 WA	W9BRD ROD	799 IL	W0JN JIM	131 WA
KO7J DARWIN	802 WA	W9CD CLARK	047 IL	WA0KZL TEX	061 IA
W7KP HAL	543 NV	W9CQ PAUL	065 IN	W0OMC VERN	428 MN
KY7M LEE	479 AZ	KQ9D PHIL	000 IN	KB0PB FRANK	450 MO
W7MY LLOYD	625 UT	WB9DKN DEAN	140 IL	K0PFX MEL	023 MO
KL7T JOE	388 AL	KK9E NED	022 WI	W0QMY BILL	128 MN
WA7VHO DON	199 ID	K9EEA BRUCE	115 IL	KU0S VERN	792 NM
WA7VKI JERRY	760 WA	W9EOP JOHN	809 IN	AK0T CHAS	357 ND
KX7W GARY	815 OR	W9ERW ROGER	043 IN	W0TKD FRANK	707 MO
W7WXW CAL	753 WA	W9FAM VERN	072 IN	W0TQ WENDELL	493 KS
KT7X JOHN	814 OR	W9FR NOEL	398 IN	W0UKB JOHN	152 MN
W7ZMD NICK	685 AZ	W9GA IRV	338 WI	WA0VVK GORDON	161 MO
K8AA FRANK	002 OH	N9HI GEO	040 IN	WA0WDV BILL	565 MN
W8AU PERRY	107 OH	KK9I BOB	566 IN	K00X DON	746 IA
KY8C GARY	740 MI	WB9IHH JIM	812 MI	KI0Y SILENT-KEY	MO
N8CRF MIKE	000 OH	W9JMG SLIM	591 IL	WA0YNC MARTY	148 TX
KM8D GEO	813 OR	K9JRE BILL	803 IN	N0ZO PAT	680 VA
W8EGB CLYDE	686 MI	W9JS RICH	580 WI	W0ZR ZEKE	003 MN
K8ENS ED	430 MI	W9KF CURLEY	126 IL	ZL1AN GARY	671 DX
W8EO BOB	287 OH	W9KT MARV	283 IN	LZ1XL MINKO	785 DX
W8ERN ANGELO	672 MI	W9KX DEAN	056 IN	YU2CQ IVO	783 DX
W8EWF AL	794 WV	W9KZ TAV	715 IL	YU2TS DAVOR	786 DX
AB8F HAROLD	020 OH	W9KZZ AL	008 WI	YU2ZZ SEUAD	784 DX
KG8F DOUG	766 MI	WA9LGC TRUMAN	282 IN	VE3BLY MOE	770 DX
K8FD WARD	714 IA	W9MFY JIM	474 IL	G3GKI VIC	221 DX
W8FEC ART	368 OH	W9MR KEN	646 IN	VE3KUC JIM	632 DX
JH3OII CHUCK	453 DX	YU4YQT IVO	782 DX	SM3GLC LASSEE	346 DX
HA5JI GYURI	720 DX	VE7BLY MOE	770 DX	ON8RD JERRY	418 DX

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